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LACAVA'S COLUMN

Your District 1 News Update



Friends,

Starting tomorrow, April 15, all Californians 16 years and older are eligible to receive the vaccine. As your elected official, neighbor, and friend, I implore you to do so. Vaccination, specifically herd immunity, is the only true way to progress past the COVID age and into our new normal.

All involved with getting and giving the vaccine are continuing to work overtime for our safety. Firefighters, nurses, dentists, and doctors have sprung into action to deliver the shot, and thousands of volunteers and cleaning staff are laboring to keep the operations moving.

Please meet them part way – make your appointments, take the vaccines, and be part of the solution.

Yours truly,



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COVID-19 Updates

District

[See What 100 Days In Office Looks Like](#)

This month my office hit a milestone – my first 100 days of proudly serving the District 1 community. To commemorate and communicate our first 100 days, I've compiled a document highlighting the work my office has achieved - both around the District and in City Hall.

This document serves as a glimpse of our world - a world of thousands of phone calls, meetings, and hours diligently addressing your issues and concerns, protecting quality of life, resolving old city issues, and leading our city to a sustainable and equitable future.

Read our '100 Day Recap' [here](#).

Thank you to all the residents who have acted as our eyes and ears on the ground. The work my staff and I do would not be possible without responsive, engaged individuals such as yourselves. Now here's to the next 100+ days.

City

Rent and Utility Assistance Application Open

City of San Diego residents can currently apply for COVID-19 rental and utility assistance through the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) Housing Stability Assistance Program.

Those interested can apply [here](#). Additionally, if you need application help or do not have reliable access to a computer or the internet, call (619) 535-6921 for assistance.

County

ORANGE You Glad to Enter the Orange Tier?

On April 7, San Diego County moved into the Orange Tier of the State's COVID-19 prevention framework, further easing restrictions and allowing more indoor activities.

Here are some of the activities now allowed under the Orange Tier:

- Restaurants: Indoor seating increases to 50% capacity or 200 people maximum with the 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew ending.
- Gyms and Fitness Centers: 25% capacity indoors; indoor pools can open.
- Wineries and Breweries: 25% or 100 people indoors maximum.
- Movie Theaters: 50% or 200 people maximum.
- Museums, Zoos and Aquariums: 50% capacity for indoor activities.
- Places of Worship: 50% capacity indoor activities.
- Bars with no food service: Open outdoors with modifications.
- All retail: No capacity limits.

You can see a complete list of eased restrictions [here](#).

State

Envisioning a California Post Color-Coded COVID Tiers

On June 15, California will fully open its economy if two criteria are met:

- Vaccine supply is sufficient for Californians 16 years and older who wish to be inoculated; and,
- Hospitalization rates are stable and low.

Everyday activities will be allowed and businesses can open with common-sense risk reduction measures such as continued vaccination efforts, mask mandates, and contact tracing and testing.

The State will monitor hospitalization rates, vaccine access, and vaccine efficacy against variants with the option to revisit the June 15 date if needed. The entire state will move into this new phase as a whole.

Californians 16+ - Come and Get Your Vaccines!

Starting tomorrow, April 15, all individuals 16+ will be eligible to make a vaccination appointment. To schedule your appointment, please use <https://myturn.ca.gov/>.

You can track daily COVID case numbers and vaccinations [here](#).

Federal

Pause the J&J

On April 13, the FDA and CDC called for a pause in the use of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine as they study a rare blood clotting disorder that occurred in six female recipients.

News from City Hall

Short-Term Vacation Rental Ordinance Signed into Law

The Short-Term Vacation Rental Ordinance approved by City Council was signed into law by Mayor Gloria today, April 14, 2021. The City will take a year to fashion the administrative regulations which implement the ordinance, and this is where the rubber meets the road.

I was proud to be the singular vote in opposition as the Council did not accept my common sense amendments to include limited-term licenses, lock number of whole-home rentals (Tier 3), platform accountability and enforcement, and an affordable housing preservation fee. My years long fight on STVRs will now pivot to ensuring that every promise offered by the city, platforms, and hosts is delivered.

City of San Diego Announces Public Safety Priorities, Reforms to Police Practices

Public safety reform is a priority - everyone deserves to feel safe in their own neighborhood.

On April 9, Mayor Gloria announced a [package of policy priorities and procedure reforms](#) aimed at addressing disparities in policing through increased accountability to the community, transparency in decision-making and a commitment to explore solutions to complex issues.

Some of these policies included:

- Appropriately funding, and faithfully implementing, the independent Commission on Police Practices;
- Eliminating existing civil gang injunctions Implementing controls for the procurement and use of military-grade weapons;
- Strengthening additional "unconscious" or "implicit bias" training for all officers;
- Reviewing police hiring practices to ensure we attract the best candidates;
- Adopting and implementing the Surveillance and Privacy Advisory Board ordinances;

- Removing the Office of Homeland Security as a program of the San Diego Police Department;
- Exploring policies that would limit the use of pretextual stops and consent searches;
- Exploring alternatives to arrest for low-level offenses with nonpolice responses;
- Exploring options that would limit the use of tear gas and other specialty munitions;
- Reviewing the types and categories of calls dispatched to the San Diego Police Department.

[Take You Civic Engagement to the Next Level on a Board or Commission](#)

While time commitments may vary, all boards provide a great experience for those looking to get involved at the City-level and make true impact in our communities. If you are not already familiar, please learn more about what Boards and Commissions do [here](#).

The District 1 Office is currently accepting applications for appointments to on the following district-specific boards:

- La Jolla Shores Planned District Advisory Board
- Municipal Golf Committee
- Human Relations Commission
- Gang Prevention and Intervention Board
- Accessibility Advisory Board
- Consolidated Plan Advisory Board
- Police/Community Relations Board

Those interested in applying may send your resume and statement of interest to rflahive@sandiego.gov for consideration. Please make sure to identify the District 1 specific board you are applying for.

Additionally, there are numerous openings available for seats that are not specific to Council Districts. You can learn more about these various openings [here](#), and apply directly with the Office of Boards and Commissions [here](#).

Please note, appointment to boards require filing a [Form 700](#) to disclose potential conflicts.

[Get It Done with the Improved Get It Done App](#)

Want the City to fill a pothole? Repair a streetlight? Report an encampment? Do so with ease on the updated [Get It Done app](#).

Rolled out on March 30, users now have access to:

- **Spanish Language Support** - If a customer's mobile device is set to Spanish, the new mobile app will automatically display in Spanish. Translation links are available on all automatic email responses from the City to our customers. Reports submitted in Spanish will be automatically translated by an electronic translation service to help internal staff interpret details of the report;
- **New Home Screen** - The new home screen features a sleek design with more user-friendly options and displays articles with City news and information. For first-time app users, new onboarding screens will appear to help walk customers through the reporting process;
- **Enhanced Category Selection** - Based on customer-provided descriptions and photos, the app will suggest the appropriate category for a new report. More accurate category tags will ensure the right team receives the report and help the City resolve issues more quickly;

- **Uploading Multiple Photos** - The enhanced app will allow customers to upload multiple photos. The previous app version limited uploads to one photo. This will help field crews to better understand the problem reported;
- **Confirmation Page** - This update includes a new confirmation page for users to review the details of a report before submitting. The page gives users a chance to modify any components of their report prior to sending it to the City. Users will continue to receive confirmation and status update emails after reports are submitted;
- **Submitted Reports** - Enhanced mapping means that customers will be able to view more reports from around their neighborhood.

Color Me Green – Kids Earth Day Coloring Contest Now Open!

The City is celebrating Earth Day this year with a coloring contest, encouraging kids to draw what the sustainable San Diego of the future looks like to them. Children ages four to 13 can draw their ideas in the Climate Action Plan children's activity booklet "Our Climate, Our Future" using crayons, colored pencils, markers or any other art medium.

The entry form and booklets are available at San Diego Public Library locations offering in-person services. They can also be downloaded [online](#) in English and Spanish.

The deadline to submit entries is April 30, 2021. Two winning entries will receive an environmentally friendly prize package courtesy of Think Blue.

Socially Distanced Fun Around District 1!

Save the Date – Sea-Level Rise Webinar on Monday, May 3 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Sea-level rise is real, and it's really impacting our region. Learn more about the science behind the rise, regional implications, and what you can do to prepare at our upcoming local sea-level rise webinar on Monday, May 3 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m..

Keep an eye out for speakers and registration coming soon.



Concerts are Back with Mainly Mozart

Enjoy a night of classics with Mainly Mozart's world-class musicians at its drive-in concert series located on the Del Mar Heights Fairgrounds. From April 15 – 18, enjoy \$25 off with the code cityofsd21.

Learn more at [here](#).

Nurture Budding Artists with the San Diego Children's Choir Education Programs

The San Diego Children's Choir offers music education programs to children ages four to 18 at locations throughout San Diego, including District 1's own Carmel Valley. Small group rehearsals are socially distanced and held outdoors. Virtual options available. Visit sdcchoir.org to learn more.

Dine Out for Life

The San Diego LGBT Community Center's Dining Out For Life® San Diego is back this year, with the twin goals of raising funds for The Center's HIV services and Prevention Programs, and helping our local restaurants. Mark your calendar and make your plans to DINE OUT. TAKE OUT. FIGHT HIV from Thursday, April 29 - Sunday, May 2 by supporting some of The Center's long-standing restaurant partners.

Take a look at the [growing list of participating restaurants](#), and make your reservations or take out plans today - my team and I will be participating, and we hope to see you then!



District 1 Gets it Done!

This past month, the District 1 community reps have been busy meeting with residents to learn about local improvements, and working with staff to complete those requests. Here are some constituent 'wins' from two of our District 1 communities – University City (UC) and Carmel Valley (CV) – this past month.

Thank you to Kaitlyn and Ricky, the UC and CV representatives respectfully, for working diligently on these requests, and for our residents for alerting us to their community experience.

University City (UC)

- **Removed Tree Encroachment from Private Property** - After receiving an email from a constituent, Kaitlyn visited the property and assessed that there was vegetation encroachment. She then worked with the City's Ground Maintenance Worker to arrange for a trim, and the City's Tree Crew to provide additional maintenance.
- **Improved Bike Safety and Painted a New Red Curb Along Regents Rd.** - Upon hearing of a dangerous road situation along Regents Road going south from UCSD, Kaitlyn worked with staff to add a new red curb to the road. This new curb prevents parking along that area, widening the available mobile area, and alleviating some space between cars and bikes along the heavily-trafficked path.



Carmel Valley (CV)

- ***Vegetation Abatement*** – In less than a week after filing a Get It Done report on behalf of a resident, Ricky was able to work with City staff to get overgrown vegetation removed from a fire path behind a local residence.



Community Representative Office Hours

If you haven't had a chance to say hello yet, stop by your community representative's Zoom "office hours" happening each week!

- Brian Elliott (belliott@saniego.gov) will be hosting **Del Mar Heights office hours** from **10 – 11 a.m. on Wednesdays** ([link here](#))
- Kaitlyn Willoughby (kwilloughby@saniego.gov) will be hosting **University City office hours** from **10 - 11 a.m. on Fridays** ([link here](#))
- Ricky Flahive (rflahive@saniego.gov) will be hosting **Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, and Torrey Hills office hours** from **11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Wednesdays** ([link here](#))
- Steve Hadley (srhadley@saniego.gov) will be hosting **La Jolla office hours** from **1 – 2 p.m. on Mondays** ([link here](#))

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